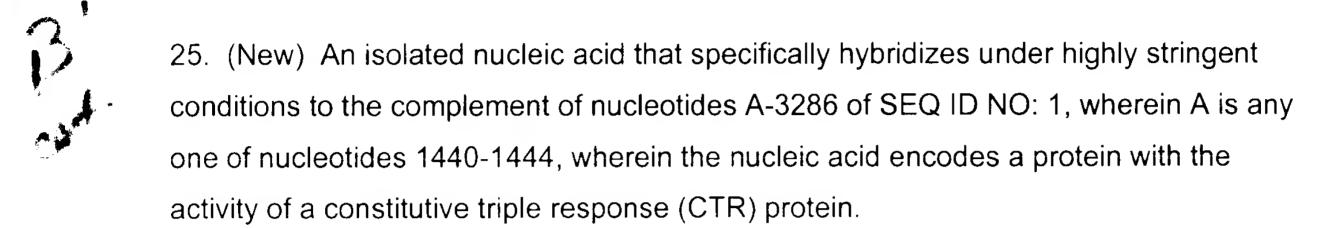
- 23. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 24. (New) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a protein with the activity of a constitutive triple response (CTR) protein comprising nucleotides A-3286 of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein A is any one of nucleotides 1440-1444.



- 26. (New) An isolated vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25.
- 27. (New) The isolated vector of claim 26 wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to a transcription regulatory element.
- 28. (New) An isolated host cell comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25.
- 29. (New) An isolated host cell comprising the vector of claim 26.
- 30. (New) A transgenic cell comprising the vector of claim 26.
- 31. (New) A transgenic cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25.
- 32. (New) A mature transgenic plant comprising the cell of claim 30.